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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to novel tricyclic compounds useful for the treatment of inflammatory conditions, diseases of the central nervous and insulin resistant diabetes.

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